

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) Suspension A suspension hook for a tube (2; 22; 42) and ~~in particular a motor vehicle exhaust tract tube constituted by a pin (3; 23; 43) which comprises, said~~ suspension hook comprising:

a generally cylindrical end-piece (7, 7A; 27; 47) for fixing to at least one spacer ~~and at least one spacer~~ (8; 28, 28'; 48) comprising, at a first end, at least one lug (12, 12'; 29, 29'; 49) for fixing to the fixing end-piece, and, at a second end, at least one plate for fixing to a tube (11, 11'; 30, 30'; 50), wherein:

the at least one fixing lug (12, 12'; 29, 29'; 49) and the fixing end-piece (7, 7A; 27; 47) being fixed by means of welding, ~~characterised in that~~ and

the at least one fixing lug (12, 12'; 29, 29'; 49) and the fixing end-piece (7, 7A; 27; 47) co-operate by means of a contact of the type involving a plane on a generating line.

2. (currently amended) Hook The suspension hook according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein:

the at least one fixing plate (11, 11'; 30, 30'; 50) is shaped so as to be able to co-operate with a tube (2; 22; 42) which is generally arranged perpendicularly relative to the longitudinal axis of the at least one spacer (8; 28, 28'; 48).

3. (currently amended) ~~Heek~~ The suspension hook according to claim 1, characterised in that it comprises ~~in that~~ wherein:

the spacer (8) which comprises two fixing plates (11, 11') and two generally planar fixing lugs (12, 12'), and ~~in that~~ the end-piece (7, 7A) for fixing to the pin (3) is arranged between the two fixing lugs (12, 12') generally perpendicularly relative to the longitudinal axis of the spacer (8).

4. (currently amended) ~~Heek~~ The suspension hook according to claim 3, characterised in that wherein:

~~in that~~ and the fixing end-piece (7A) has a circular cross-section,

~~generally parallel with each other, and in that the fixing lugs~~ ~~(12, 12')~~ and are welded to the fixing end-piece (7A) by means of laser welding.

5. (currently amended) ~~Hook~~ The suspension hook according to claim 3, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein:

the fixing end-piece (7) comprises two longitudinal flat surfaces (14, 14') which are parallel with each other, and ~~in that~~

the fixing lugs (12, 12') are fillet-welded to those flat surfaces.

6. (currently amended) ~~Hook according to claim 1,~~ ~~characterised in that~~ A suspension hook for a tube (2; 22; 42), said suspension hook comprises:

a generally cylindrical end-piece (7, 7A; 27; 47) for fixing to at least one spacer (8; 28, 28'; 48) comprising, at a first end, at least one lug (12, 12'; 29, 29'; 49) for fixing to the fixing end-piece, and, at a second end, at least one plate for fixing to a tube (11, 11'; 30, 30'; 50),

wherein:

the at least one fixing lug (12, 12'; 29, 29'; 49) and the fixing end-piece (7, 7A; 27; 47) being fixed by means of welding,

the at least one fixing lug (12, 12'; 29, 29'; 49) and the fixing end-piece (7, 7A; 27; 47) co-operate by means of a contact of the type involving a plane on a generating line, and

the at least one spacer (28, 28'; 48) comprises a single fixing lug (29, 29'; 49) in the form of a channel which extends along the longitudinal axis of the spacer, and ~~in that~~ the fixing end-piece (23; 43) is arranged in the channel parallel with the longitudinal axis of the spacer.

7. (currently amended) ~~Heek~~ The suspension hood according to claim 6, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein:

the channel-shaped fixing lug (29, 29'; 49) of the spacer (28, 28'; 48) comprises two faces (31, 32, 31', 32') which are generally at right-angles, and ~~in that~~

the fixing end-piece (27; 47) comprises at least one longitudinal flat surface which co-operates with a face of the channel.

8. (currently amended) ~~Heek~~ The suspension hook according to claim 6, ~~characterised in that~~ it ~~comprises~~ comprising two spacers (28, 28').

9. (currently amended) ~~Spacer~~ The spacer of a hook the suspension hook according to claim 3, ~~characterised in that~~ it comprises said spacer comprising:

a body which has a large, generally trapezoidal face (9) and two lateral faces (10, 10') which are each extended, at one side, from the side of the small base of the large

trapezoidal face (9), by a planar lug (12, 12') which is generally parallel with the longitudinal axis of the spacer and, at the other side, from the side of the large base of the large trapezoidal face (9), by a plate which is shaped in order to be able to co-operate with a tube which is perpendicular relative to the large trapezoidal face (9) of the spacer.

10. (currently amended) ~~Spacer of a~~ The spacer of the suspension hook according to claim 6, characterised in that it comprises ~~said~~ spacer comprising a plate (30, 30', 50) which is shaped so as to be able to co-operate with a tube and a fixing lug (28, 28', 48) which is arranged in the continuation of the plate (30, 30'; 50) along the longitudinal axis of the spacer, the fixing lug (28, 28'; 48) being in the form of a channel.

11. (canceled)

12. (currently amended) ~~Hook~~ The suspension hood according to claim 2, ~~characterised in that it which~~ comprises [[a]] the spacer (8) which comprises two fixing plates (11, 11') and two generally planar fixing lugs (12, 12'), and in that the end-piece (7, 7A) for fixing to the pin (3) is arranged between the two fixing lugs (12, 12') generally perpendicularly relative to the longitudinal axis of the spacer (8).

13. (currently amended) ~~Heek~~ The suspension hook according to claim 2, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the at least one spacer (28, 28'; 48) comprises a single fixing lug (29, 29'; 49) in the form of a channel which extends along the longitudinal axis of the spacer, and in that the fixing end-piece (23; 43) is arranged in the channel parallel with the longitudinal axis of the spacer.

14. (currently amended) ~~Heek~~ The suspension hook according to claim 7, ~~characterised in that~~ it comprises comprising two spacers (28, 28').

15. (currently amended) ~~Spacer~~ The spacer of [[a]] the suspension hook according to claim 4, ~~characterised in that~~ it said spacer comprises a body which has a large, generally trapezoidal face (9) and two lateral faces (10, 10') which are each extended, at one side, from the side of the small base of the large trapezoidal face (9), by a planar lug (12, 12') which is generally parallel with the longitudinal axis of the spacer and, at the other side, from the side of the large base of the large trapezoidal face (9), by a plate which is shaped in order to be able to co-operate with a tube which is perpendicular relative to the large trapezoidal face (9) of the spacer.

16. (currently amended) ~~Spacer~~ The spacer of [[a]]
the suspension hook according to claim 5, characterised in that
it said spacer comprises a body which has a large, generally
trapezoidal face (9) and two lateral faces (10, 10') which are
each extended, at one side, from the side of the small base of
the large trapezoidal face (9), by a planar lug (12, 12') which
is generally parallel with the longitudinal axis of the spacer
and, at the other side, from the side of the large base of the
large trapezoidal face (9), by a plate which is shaped in order
to be able to co-operate with a tube which is perpendicular
relative to the large trapezoidal face (9) of the spacer.

17. (new) The suspension hook according to claim 1,
wherein said suspension hook is used in a motor vehicle exhaust
tract tube constituted by a pin (3; 23; 43).